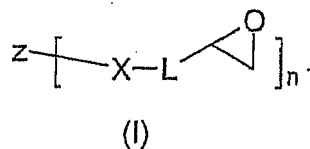


Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A dental root canal sealing composition, which comprises (i) an amino terminated prepolymer having a viscosity at 23° C. of less than 100 Pas, which is obtainable by reacting ~~obtainable~~ obtained by reacting

- (a) one mole of a compound of the following formula (I)



wherein

Z represents

an n-valent C₂₋₄₂ hydrocarbon group, which groups may contain 1 to 6 oxygen atoms, and which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups;

X represents

a single bond or

an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom substituted by a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

L represents

a single bond or

an optionally substituted C₁₋₆ alkylene group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ arylene group, an optionally substituted C₇₋₁₆ alkylenearylene group, an optionally substituted C₇₋₁₆ arylenealkylene group,

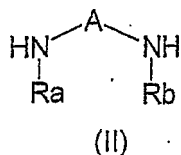
which groups may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups; and

n represents

an integer of from 2 to 6; and

(b) at least n moles of one or more compounds

(b1) of the following formula (II)

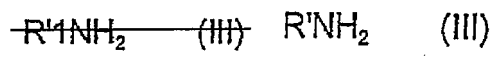


wherein

A represents a divalent saturated aliphatic C₂₋₁₆ hydrocarbon group or a divalent saturated cycloaliphatic C₃₋₆ hydrocarbon group, which groups may contain 1 to 6 oxygen atoms, and which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups;

R_a and R_b are the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl or a C₃₋₁₄ cycloalkyl group, which may be substituted by one or more members of the group selected from a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, C₁₋₄ alkoxy group, a phenyl group, and a hydroxy group; or

(b2) of formula (III)



wherein R' represents

a substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₃ to C₁₈ cycloalkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C_7 to C_{30} aralkyl group, which groups may be substituted by one or more members of the group selected from a C_{1-4} alkyl group, C_{1-4} alkoxy group, a phenyl group, and a hydroxy group,

optionally in combination with a further di- or polyamine compound;

(ii) a compound capable of undergoing polyaddition with the aminoterminated prepolymer (i);

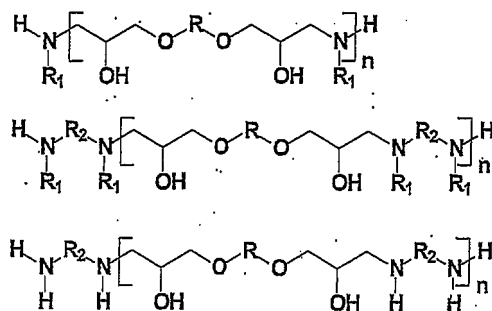
(iii) 40 to 85 wt.-% of a filler for providing a minimum radioopacity of at least 3 mm/mm Al.

2. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 1, wherein z represents a saturated aliphatic C_{2-18} hydrocarbon chain which may contain 2 to 4 oxygen atoms, and which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C_{1-4} alkyl groups or a substituted or unsubstituted C_7 to C_{30} arylenealkylenearylene group which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C_{1-4} alkyl groups.

3. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein X is an oxygen atom and/or L is an alkylene group, preferably a methylene group, and/or wherein X-L is $—OCH_2—$.

4. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein n is 2.

5. (Currently Amended) The dental root canal sealing composition according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the aminoterminated prepolymer is a prepolymer of one of the following formulas



wherein

R represents ~~Z as defined in claim 1~~, preferably a divalent substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkylene group, substituted or unsubstituted C₆₋₁₄ arylene group, substituted or unsubstituted C₃ to C₁₈ cycloalkylene group, substituted or unsubstituted C₇ to C₃₀ arylenealkylenearylene group,

R₁ represents

hydrogen or

a substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₃ to C₁₈ cycloalkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₇ to C₃₀ aralkyl group,

R₂ represents a divalent

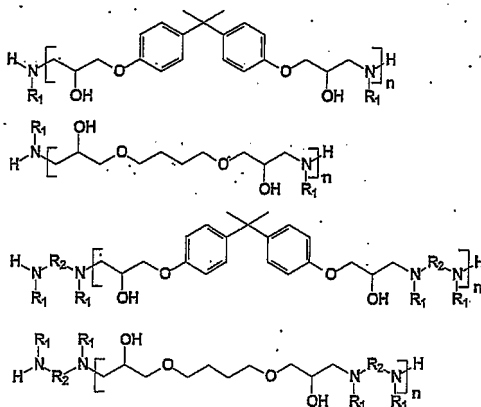
substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkylene group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₃ to C₁₈ cycloalkylene group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₇ to C₃₀ aralkylene group, and

n is an integer.

6. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 5, wherein the aminoterminated prepolymer is a prepolymer of one of the following formulas



wherein R^1 and R^2 are defined as in claim 5.

7. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound capable of undergoing polyaddition with the aminoterminated prepolymer (i) is selected from a di- or polyfunctional acrylate, a di- or polyfunctional epoxide, a di- or polyfunctional isocyanate, a di- or polyfunctional isothiocyanate, a di- or polyfunctional acylamide, or a di- or polyfunctional maleimide.

8. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 1, wherein the filler contains La_2O_3 , ZrO_2 , $BiPO_4$, $CaWO_4$, $BaWO_4$, SrF_2 , Bi_2O_3 .

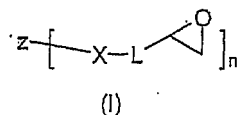
9. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 1, which is in the form of a two-component composition.

10. (Original) The dental root canal sealing composition according to claim 12, wherein the two-component composition is a powder/liquid or a paste/paste system.

11. (Currently Amended) Use of the dental material of claim 1 for the manufacture of a process comprising manufacturing of prefabricated root canal cones comprising the dental material of claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~an~~ An amino terminated prepolymer having a viscosity at 23° C of less than 100 Pas, which is ~~obtainable~~ obtained by reacting

(a) one mole of a compound of the following formula (I)



wherein

Z represents an n-valent C₂₋₄₂ hydrocarbon group, which groups may contain 1 to 6 oxygen atoms, and which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups;

X represents

a single bond or

an oxygen atom or a nitrogen atom substituted by a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

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a single bond or

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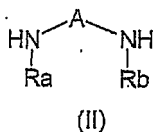
an optionally substituted C₇₋₁₆ arylalkylene group,

which groups may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups; and

n represents an integer of from 2 to 6; and

(b) at least n moles of one or more compounds

(b1) of the following formula (II)



wherein

A represents a divalent saturated aliphatic C₂₋₁₆ hydrocarbon group or a divalent saturated cycloaliphatic C₃₋₆ hydrocarbon group, which groups may contain 1 to 6 oxygen atoms, and which may be substituted by 1 to 6 C₁₋₄ alkyl groups;

R_a and R_b are the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆alkyl or a C₃₋₁₄ cycloalkyl group, which may be substituted by one or more members of the group selected from a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, C₁₋₄ alkoxy group, a phenyl group, and a hydroxy group;

or

(b2) of formula (III)



wherein R' represents

a substituted or unsubstituted C₁ to C₁₈ alkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₃ to C₁₈ cycloalkyl group,

a substituted or unsubstituted C₇ to C₃₀ aralkyl group, which groups may be substituted by one or more members of the group selected from a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, C₁₋₄ alkoxy group, a phenyl group, and a hydroxy group,

optionally in combination with a further di- or polyamine compound, in a dental composition.